

Vespers sung on Saturday 25th November 2023 for Sunday 26th November 25th Sunday after Pentecost ♦ Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis

“LORD I CALL ...”

Tone 8

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!
Hear me, O Lord!
Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!
Receive the voice of my prayer,
when I call upon Thee!//
Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise
in Thy sight as incense,
and let the lifting up of my hands
be an evening sacrifice!//
Hear me, O Lord!

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.

Tone 8 (For the Resurrection)

We offer to Thee, O Christ,
our evening song and reasonable service,
for Thou didst will to have mercy on us//
by Thy Resurrection.

The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Thy face!
For Thou didst will to have mercy on us//
by Thy Resurrection.

Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Rejoice, O holy Zion:
Mother of the churches, the abode of God,
for thou wast the first to receive remission of sins//
by the Resurrection.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

The Word of God the Father,
begotten before the ages,
in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin
and endured crucifixion unto death.
He has saved mortal man//
by His Resurrection.

If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

We glorify Thee, O Lord,
for Thou didst voluntarily endure the Cross for our sake.
We fall down in worship before Thee, O almighty Saviour.
Do not cast us away from Thy face
but hear us and save us, O Lover of man,//
by Thy Resurrection!

For Thy Name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Glory to Thee, O Saviour Christ,
Only-begotten Son of God, who wast nailed to the Cross//
and resurrected from the tomb on the third day!

From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

We glorify Thy Resurrection from the dead, O Christ,
by which Thou hast freed Adam's race from the tortures of hell,//
and as God hast granted to the world eternal life and great mercy.

For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Tone 1 (For Veneable Alypius)

O most blessed Alypius,
from thy youth thou didst offer thy life to Christ our God,
and strengthened by Him, thou didst submit the passions of thy body
to the will of the spirit.
Thus, thou didst subject that which is lower to that which is higher.//
Therefore, entreat the Lord that He grant our souls peace and great mercy!

Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

O Alypius, wise in God,
thou wast revealed to be a shining beacon,
illuminating the earth with the splendour of thy wonders and godly deeds.
Thus, at thy repose, thou wast received into the presence of the never setting Sun.//
Therefore, entreat the Lord that He grant our souls peace and great mercy!

For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

O wise Father Alypius,
thou wast truly the example of an immovable pillar to all monastics,
for, high upon thy pillar, thou didst stand in vigilant prayer,
enduring both the heat of the day and the cold of the night.
Therefore, thou didst receive the divine gifts of the Spirit
to heal infirmities and drive away evil passions.//
Therefore, entreat the Lord that He grant our souls peace and great mercy!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Tone 8 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

The King of heaven, because of His love for man,
appeared on earth and dwelt with men.
He took flesh from the pure Virgin
and after assuming it, He came forth from her.
The Son is one: in two natures, yet one Person.
Proclaiming Him as perfect God and perfect Man,
we confess Christ our God!//
Entreat Him, O unwedded Mother, to have mercy on our souls.

APOSTICHA

Tone 8 *(For the Resurrection)*

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,
the eternal Life has come for death
to raise those who are fallen;
to enlighten those in darkness.//
O Jesus, our Saviour and illuminator, glory to Thee!

V. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead.
He accepted the human body and soul,
and freed both from suffering.
His most pure soul descended to hell, which He spoiled.
His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb.//
He is the Redeemer of our souls.

V. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

In psalms and songs we glorify Thy Resurrection from the dead, O Christ.
By it, Thou hast freed us from the tortures of hell//
and as God hast granted eternal life and great mercy.

V. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

O Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth,
by Thy suffering on the Cross Thou hast gained passionlessness for me.
Accepting burial and arising in glory,
Thou didst resurrect Adam with Thyself by Thine almighty hand.
Glory to Thy rising on the third day!
By it Thou hast granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins//
as the only compassionate One.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Tone 8 *(Theotokion)*

O unwedded Virgin,
who ineffably didst conceive God in the flesh,
O Mother of God most high,
accept the cries of thy servants, O blameless one!
Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//
Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

TROPARIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 8

[Music on website / Green Book page16]

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Troparion of Venerable Alypius in Tone 1

[Music on website / Sheet]

Thou wast a pillar of patient endurance,
having imitated the forefathers, O Venerable One:
Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations.
Thou didst live like the Bodiless Ones while yet in the flesh,
O Alypius, our father.//
Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion in Tone 1

When Gabriel announced to thee, "Rejoice!"
the Master of all became incarnate within thee, O Virgin:
the holy tabernacle, at his cry,
as the righteous David said.
Thou wast shown to be more spacious than the heavens,
having borne thy Creator.
Glory to Him Who made His abode within thee!
Glory to Him Who came forth from thee!
Glory to Him Who hath set us free
by thy birthgiving.